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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0617

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SWEL, SREF, PINT, EAID, SO

SUBJECT: VUAD CONCLUDEQ TOUR OF REFUGEE CAMPS

1. PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE CONCLUDED A 12-DAY TOUR OF YAVEN DROUGHT-STRICKEN REGIONS, RETURNING TO MOGADISCIO ON APRIL 25. DURING

HIS TRIP, THE PRESIDENT, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LT. COL ABDIRAZAK MOHAMUD ABUBAKAR, CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE SOCIAL COMMITTEE, AND MAJOR GENERAL JAMA MOHAMED GHALIB, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERIOR, VISITED 20 OF THE 22 RELIEF CAMPS. STATED PURPOSE OF TOUR WAS TO ALLOW SIAD FIRST-HAND IMPRESSION OF DROUGHT SITUATION.

2. PREDICTABLY, SIAD SEIZED OCCASION TO LECTURE CAMP POPULATIONS ON MERITS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM AND DANGEROUS PLOTS OF QTE ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE AND IMPERIALISTS UNQTE WHO USE TRIBALISM AND REGIONALISM TO UNDERMINE REVOLUTION. IN ERIGAVO HE ANHTUNCED THE PARDON OF 12 STUDENTS ARRESTED AND CONDEMNED TO 30-YEAR PRISON TERMS FOR QTE ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES UNQTE IN 1974.

3. WHILE SIAD WAS WARNING PEOPLE AGAINST OVER-RELIANCE ON GOVERNMENT  
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TO MEET DAY-TO-DAY NEEDS, MOGADISCIO MEDIA WERE TRUMPETING THAT

GSDR WOULD SPARE NO MEANS OR RESOURCES TO COMBAT DROUGHT EFFECTS ON POPULACE. ON RETURN TO MOG, SIAD APPEALED FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN RESETTLEMENT TASK.

4. COMMENT:SIAD TRIP SEEN AS YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO REAL POLITICAL GAIN FROM DROUGHT DISASTER. PROPAGANDA SURROUNDING TOUR STRESSES NOTION THAT GSDR'S QTE HEALTHY LEADERSHIP UNQTE TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR RELIEF EFFORT AND THAT STUDY OF SOCIALISM AND QTE TEACHINGS OF JAALE SIAD UNQTE WILL PRODUCE UNITY OF POPULACE REQUIRED TO COPE WITH DSBUGHT. SUCCESS OF EMERGENCY EFFORTS THUS FAR SAID TO DEMONSTRATE QTE POLITICAL MATURITY UNQTE OF SOMALI PEOPLE. EPITOME OF SELF-CONGRATULATORY LINE SEEN IN RADIO MOGADISCIO COMMENTARY ON APRIL 21 WHICH ASKED RHETORICALLY QTE WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO THESE MISERABLE PEOPLE WITHOUT THE REVOLUTIONW Y GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CARE OF THEM? WE MUST BE GRATEFUL THAT THIS DISASTER HAS HAPPENED WHILE THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT IS IN POWER. UNQTE. HAMRICK

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